

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A multi-drawer file cabinet comprising:

a first cabinet including a top surface having a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the top surface having a first perimeter, the first cabinet having a drawer opening defined by an edge; and

a second cabinet including a base, ~~the base having~~ and a sidewall extending downwardly from a lower surface of the base, with the sidewall including a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the sidewall having a second perimeter, wherein the second perimeter is larger than the first perimeter, wherein the sidewall of the second cabinet fits around the peripheral edge of the top surface of the first cabinet ~~so that the second cabinet is positioned on top of the first cabinet, and wherein the base of the second cabinet is in contact with the top surface of the first cabinet.~~

2. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, wherein the sidewall includes a top edge that is adjacent to the lower surface of the base, wherein the distance between the top edge and the peripheral edge of the sidewall is equal to the distance between the peripheral edge of the top surface of the first cabinet and the edge of the drawer opening.

3. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, further comprising at least one bumper mounted to ~~[[a]]~~ the lower surface of the base.

4. (Previously presented) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, further comprising an accessory holder including a base, the accessory holder base having a sidewall with a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the accessory holder sidewall having a third perimeter, wherein the third perimeter is larger than a perimeter of a top surface of the second cabinet so that the sidewall of the accessory holder fits around the peripheral edge of the top surface of the second cabinet.

5. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second cabinets further includes ~~an interior casing;~~

an upper shell portion; and

a rear shell portion;

an interior casing positioned within the upper shell portion and the rear shell portion; and

a drawer assembly slidably coupled to the interior casing.

6. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, wherein at least one of the upper shell portion and the rear shell portion has at least one tab extending from a bottom edge, and the base having at least one slot defined therein for accepting the tab.

7. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 6, wherein the upper shell portion has opposing side sections with at least one tab extending from each bottom edge, wherein each of the tabs extend generally inward toward the opposing side section.

8. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 6, wherein the slot includes a fitted groove.

9. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 8, wherein the tab has a mounting hole defined therein, wherein the base has a corresponding mounting hole defined therein, and wherein a fastening mechanism extends between the mounting holes to secure the upper shell portion with the base.

10. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, wherein at least a portion of the interior casing is formed of a fire-resistant non-flammable thermal insulating material.

11. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, wherein the base includes a top surface, wherein a lip extends from a top surface of the base to engage a front side of the interior casing.

12. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 5, ~~further comprising a drawer assembly~~, wherein the drawer assembly includes a front drawer assembly, a frame, and a pair of opposing slide members, wherein the front drawer assembly is coupled with the frame, and the opposing slide members are slidably coupled with the frame to allow the drawer assembly to move relative to the interior casing.

13. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 12, wherein the opposing slide members are disposed between a pair of outer tracks formed in the interior casing and a pair of drawer tracks positioned on the frame.

14. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 13, wherein the outer tracks formed in the interior casing each include an outer groove and an inner groove, wherein the inner groove is defined in the outer groove, and wherein at least one of the slide members have a stop extending therefrom that extends into the inner groove formed in the interior casing.

15. (Currently amended) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 12, wherein a pair of drawer tracks extend from the frame and have slots defined therein, and wherein each of the opposing slide members have slide tabs that extend into the slots formed in the drawer tracks.

16. (Currently amended) The A multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 15 comprising:

a first cabinet including a top surface having a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the top surface having a first perimeter, the first cabinet having a drawer opening defined by an edge; and

a second cabinet including a base, the base having a sidewall with a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge of the sidewall having a second perimeter, wherein the second perimeter is larger than the first perimeter, wherein the sidewall of the second cabinet fits around the peripheral edge of the top surface of the first cabinet so that the second cabinet is positioned on top of the first cabinet,

wherein at least one of the first and second cabinets further includes an interior casing, an upper shell portion, a rear shell portion, and a drawer assembly,

wherein the drawer assembly includes a front drawer assembly, a frame, and a pair of opposing slide members, wherein the front drawer assembly is coupled with the frame, wherein the opposing slide members are slidably coupled with the frame to allow the drawer assembly to move relative to the interior casing,

wherein a pair of drawer tracks extend from the frame and have slots defined therein, wherein each of the opposing slide members have slide tabs that extend into the slots formed in the drawer tracks, and

wherein at least one of the slide tabs has a lock slot formed therein, the drawer assembly further comprising at least one clip having a locking tab extending therefrom, wherein the locking tab is positioned within the lock slot.

17. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 16, further comprising an extrusion coupled with at least one of the slide members.

18. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 12, wherein the front drawer assembly includes a drawer head, an escutcheon plate, a drawer front, and a locking mechanism, wherein the drawer head and the escutcheon plate are coupled with the drawer front, and the locking mechanism is positioned within the escutcheon plate.

19. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 18, wherein the locking mechanism includes a cam, and wherein the drawer front has a latching slot formed therein for receiving the cam.

20. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 19, wherein the cam includes an attaching leg, a flat portion, and a locking leg.

21. (Original) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 20, wherein the drawer head includes a ledge positioned below at least a portion of the flat portion of the cam, and wherein the interior casing has a recess formed therein for receiving the locking leg of the cam.

Claims 22-31 (Cancelled).

32. (New) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 1, wherein the sidewall does not contact the top surface of the first cabinet.

33. (New) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 20, wherein the attaching leg and the locking leg are generally parallel with one another, and wherein each of the attaching leg and the locking leg are positioned at an angle relative to the flat portion.

34. (New) The multi-drawer file cabinet as recited in claim 21, wherein the recess formed in the interior casing is configured to receive the locking leg when the flat portion of the cam is in contact with the ledge.